

Friday 1st March 2019

Park Street Newsletter

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. The unseasonable weather has given the school quite an uplift this week and pupils have enjoyed their time at the Green immensely! It doesn't seem so long ago I was desperately enlisting year 6 pupils to help me spread salt onto the playgrounds in case of snow!

Class 1 have been developing their fine and gross motor skills, with some interesting string winding challenges. The year 1 pupils have been developing their maths and writing skills – they have been very productive indeed. Class 2 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of art where they made excellent colourful prints and maintained their enthusiasm for a significant duration. Class 3 and Class 4 had two very successful visits to St. Mark's Church in Newnham as part of their 'Into the Wilderness' work. This was my first experience of these events and I must say how clear it was that the children value, respect and understand the aim of them. Their behaviour was immaculate, and their questioning and responses to the volunteers leading activities were of a very high standard. I returned to school on both occasions as a very happy Headteacher.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Miss Du Toit has planned lots of activities for the pupils to undertake across the school, both within their classrooms and in mixed aged groups across the school. I know the children will enjoy the theme of 'Fairy Tales'. Pupils who wish to dress up as their favourite character from a Fairy Tale on Thursday are most welcome to do so. It's not obligatory, and we hope there does not need to be a significant expense. They will have an opportunity to explain to their peers why they have chosen that character during the day. My thanks in advance to Miss Du Toit for the effort that planning such a day involves.

West Road Concert

Class 3 and 4 will be attending a concert at West Road on Wednesday 6th March with Mrs Shankland and myself. The trip is in the afternoon and we will return for the end of the school day. Again, this is a new experience for me, so I hope the children also enjoy the renditions of classical music and engage with the performance.

Final thoughts

I am sure many of you are participating in, or supporting someone in the Cambridge Half Marathon this Sunday. We extend our best wishes to everyone involved and hope for clear skies for the runners.

Kind regards to all,

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